



## **2006 CINCINNATI CENTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

(U.S.T.A. Sanctioned)

All Entrants must be U.S.T.A. Members

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CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION – ATHLETIC DIVISION

Cincinnati Recreation Commission Tennis Advisory Council

Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association

Ohio Valley Tennis Association

### **DATE OF CENTER**

<b>TOURNAMENT:</b>	May 3 – May 8, 2006	Girls 12's & 14's
	May 10 – May 15, 2006	Girls 16's & 18's
	May 16 – May 25, 2006	Boys 12's & 14's
	May 28 - June 3, 2006	Boys 16's & 18's - To be played @ ATP site

### **SINGLES ONLY**

Tournament will be played after school (4 p.m. and on weekends). Weather permitting, you will be expected to play on your designated date. **With the exception of High School Play, there will be no exceptions to assigned playing times.**

**LOCATION:** Lunken Airport Playfield, Sawyer Point and ATP site (Boys 16 – 18's only)

### **TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE:**

1. **ALL PLAYERS MUST ENTER THIS TOURNAMENT ON LINE AT WWW.USTA.COM.-TENNIS LINK. Tournament ID # IS 856335406. Fee is \$39.50.**
2. All entrants must be members of the U.S.T.A.
3. All players are to call 321-1772 or 321-5718 beginning 3 days before your age division date. It is your responsibility to call in for your playing times. Draws will be posted on-line. Please phone above telephone numbers to confirm times.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. **THERE IS NO EXEMPTION FOR THIS TOURNAMENT. ALL PLAYERS MUST PARTICIPATE IN THIS TOURNAMENT TO ADVANCE TO THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.**
2. All players must be U.S. citizens or have proof of required residency.

3. All players must “play and complete” the Center qualifier to be eligible to be endorsed to the OVTA/Midwest Districts with the exception of Boys 16’s and Boys 18’s.

Due to High School competition, the Boys 16’s and 18’s will play until qualification for the OVTA/Midwest Districts has been determined. 2006 qualification will be the quarterfinals of the front draw and quarterfinals of the feed in consolation with the remaining spots chosen from record and current ranking information. The Center will stop at this point.

4. The OVTA/Midwest District quota for 2006 is 23.
5. All players must be residents of Greater Cincinnati (Hamilton, Clermont Brown, Warren, Butler and Clinton counties in Ohio and Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties in Kentucky).
6. Players may play up, but forfeit the right to play in the legal age bracket. If a player is found playing in a younger age bracket, such player will be defaulted from the tournament.
7. All players must be U.S.T.A. members or apply for membership before their first match.

#### **AGE**

**REQUIREMENTS:** You will have to make a choice of age group before you enter your area qualifier should you have a summer birthday.

<b>Age Division</b>	<b>Born</b>	<b>End of Eligibility</b>
18	1987	Last day of month preceding month of 19 <sup>th</sup> birthday
18	1988 and later	Eligible all year
16	1989	Last day of month preceding month of 17 <sup>th</sup> birthday
16	1990 and later	Eligible all year
14	1991	Last day of month preceding month of 15 <sup>th</sup> birthday
14	1992 and later	Eligible all year
12	1993	Last day of month preceding month of 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday

Please call the Tennis office at 352-4020 if you have any questions regarding this rule.

- BALLS:** Balls for all matches will be provided by the Cincinnati Recreation Comm.
- AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> trophies will be presented in each age bracket with the exception of Boys 16's and 18's.
- QUESTIONS:** Phone: 352-4020 (Contact Karen Montavon)
- ENTRY FEE:** \$39.50 per person. On-line registration.
- ADVANCEMENT:** Qualifiers from this tournament will represent the Cincinnati area in the O.V.T.A. Districts, June 10 – 13. Further advancement will be to the Midwest Closed and then to the Nationals.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** Friday, April 28, 2006 – 4 p.m. (in the office).
- TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Karen Montavon
- TOURNAMENT REFEREE:** Mike Frank
- ROVING UMPIRES:** Roving umpires will be provided by the United States Tennis Association.
- COMMON RULES:** Front Draw– 2 out of 3 sets – regular scoring.  
Feed in back draw. – 2 out of 3 sets – 3<sup>rd</sup> set Super Tie Breaker.  
Point penalty system will be used.  
10 minutes warm up.  
One-half hour – default time, to the discretion of tournament director (for weekdays only).  
10 minutes for weekend play.  
3<sup>rd</sup> set Super Tie Breaker may be used in the front draw if the tournament moves indoors due to inclement weather.
- NOTE:** If a player misses on-line registration deadline, please phone 352-4020 or 321-1772.